IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

HILARIO RIOS MEDINA,

Plaintiff,

V.

CIVIL ACTION NO. H-09-077

RAMIRO JIMENEZ,

Defendant.

ORDER

The parties have filed a joint motion for a protective order. Paragraph 6 of the order does not make it clear that under the case law, a higher good-cause showing is required to file documents under seal with the court than to designate them as confidential when they are exchanged in discovery. The paragraph should be revised to state that when documents designated as confidential are filed with the court, they may initially be filed under seal but will not be maintained under seal unless the party designating them as confidential files a motion to do so. Such a motion must be filed 7 days after the filing, must show good cause for sealing the documents, and must state whether the opposing party contests filing the documents under seal. The parties may file a revised agreed protective order consistent with this order no later than June 30, 2010.

SIGNED on June 18, 2010, at Houston, Texas.

Lee'H. Rosenthal
United States District Judge